

Resolution No._____, Series 2009

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE REVIEW OF FUTURE
PAYMENT OF DUES TO THE KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES**

SPONSOR: Councilman Kelly Downard, District 16

Whereas: State Auditor Crit Luallen has audited the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and found excessive spending, weak procedures and inadequate oversight; and

Whereas: There have been a number of alarming media reports outlining a severe lack of transparency and oversight of taxpayer funds contributed by local governments, including Metro Louisville; and

Whereas: Louisville Metro Government is a long standing member of the Kentucky League of Cities; and

Whereas: Findings by the Office of the State Auditor suggest that KLC has excessively spent member funds and improperly used KLC funds for items unrelated to their mission; and

Whereas: The Louisville Metro Council agrees with the Office of the State Auditor that the reduction of wasteful and excessive spending should lead to a reduction of membership costs for Louisville Metro and other participating municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF
THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT
("COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Louisville Metro Council would like to review future payment of dues to the Kentucky League of Cities.

Section 2. The Louisville Metro Council calls for a refund of half of Louisville Metro's dues for the previous three years, and a significant reduction in membership dues for KLC membership in subsequent years in light of the findings in the State Auditor's 2009 report on KLC. This same action should be taken for all member cities.

Section 3. The Louisville Metro Council calls on KLC to enact policies to follow the same open records and open meeting laws that the member municipalities of this Commonwealth are required to follow.

Section 4. The Louisville Metro Council hereby supports and encourages efforts made by the General Assembly for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to require KLC to follow the same open records and open meeting laws that are required for municipalities.

Section 5. The Louisville Metro Council calls upon the KLC to report to the Louisville Metro Council, and to all member cities, how each of the 30 findings of the State Auditor have been addressed and corrected by the KLC.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Thomas L. Owen
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson Date
Mayor

Approved: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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